

## **UHWO Library Named for James & Abigail Campbell**

## Not just a name but a legacy

n the evening of October 21, 2017, the University of Hawai'i West-O'ahu (UHWO) unveiled new signage to celebrate the official naming of its two-story library — the James & Abigail Campbell Library — in recognition of the Campbells' legacy role in the school's history. The library's distinctive stained glass tower serves as a focal point for the campus.

On behalf of members of the Campbell family and the James & Abigail Campbell Family Foundation, Alice Guild thanked the University of Hawai'i for the honor of this naming.

"We owe a debt of gratitude to the State of Hawai'i and particularly to the University of Hawai'i System for the far-sighted action that resulted in the campus that we have here today. We are confident that the James & Abigail Campbell Library will strengthen the pulse of this great new campus and of the City of Kapolei.'

"I think it's a tremendous recognition of the contributions made by Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, the Estate, the family and the Company to West O'ahu and the



Tim Brauer, 2nd from left

students that will learn here," said Tim Brauer, president and chief executive officer of the the James Campbell Company, which succeeded The Estate of James Campbell. He noted that the library and campus help carry on the Campbell's legacy of helping the Leeward O'ahu community. This legacy includes efforts to support education and improved quality of life for Hawai'i's people by the James & Abigail Campbell Family Foundation (www.campbellfamilyfoundation.org), which is funded primarily by Campbell family members.

Several University of Hawai'i dignitaries spoke of the significance of this naming.

#### The inspiration behind the naming

Particularly heartfelt comments were made by Doris Ching, Emeritus VP for Academic Affairs for the University of Hawai'i, who was the driving force behind the naming of the library. Ching said that as she walked around the campus in 2015 and 2016 as an interim administrator, she was inspired by the hundreds of students and community members whose quality of life were being strengthened because of James and Abigail Campbell. She saw that this in turn would result in a better quality of life for the thousands of residents of West O'ahu. It was then that she was

inspired to promote naming the library in their honor.

The naming of the library was approved by the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents in March 2017 to recognize the Campbells' considerable impact on the establishment of the UHWO campus. The Estate of James Campbell supported the decadeslong effort to move the campus from property adjacent to Leeward Community College to its permanent location in Kapolei on 1,491 acres of former Estate land. The campus opened in 2012 on land granted to UHWO by the Estate.

#### Invoking the spirit of James Campbell

**UHWO** Chancellor Maenette Benham spoke eloquently of the adventurous spirit that is the Campbell legacy. Wondering what James Campbell saw as he looked at the "beauty of the 'aina" that is now called Kapolei, she believes he saw opportunity. "He saw barren land and grew prosperous agricultural fields."

Campbell, she said, was a risk taker, entrepreneur, adventurer, and investor who came to the 'Ewa plain and left his mark.

In this spirit, today UHWO is growing 21st century leaders men and women who will be career creators that will add their abundance to the West O'ahu community.

"I can confidently report that we will live into his adventurous, visionary spirit," she said.

"There's an 'ōlelo no 'eau: 'A 'ohe mea koe ma kū 'ono. It is said of someone who is extremely generous, giving freely without reservation," said Benham. "We are deeply grateful for this generous gift."



Doris Ching



Maenette Benham\*



Donald Stranev\*

\*see photos from video, UH West O'ahu Library Naming Reception UH West O'ahu Creative Media Published on Nov 15, 2017

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#### **UHWO** is fastest growing U.S. public baccalaureate institution

UH West O'ahu serves a historically underserved region of O'ahu and in fall 2017 had an enrollment of 3,082 students. The school was recently cited as the fastest growing U.S. public baccalaureate institution by the Chronicle of Higher Education.

As Donald Straney, VP for Academic Planning & Policy for the UH System said, "The university is a place that brings the past into the present to help create the future. And that is what this campus does so well."







# **Embassy Suites Opens in Kapolei**

### It is ideal for business travelers

mbassy Suites by Hilton debuted in Kapolei on October 17, 2017, bringing its all-suite hotel to the heart of the City of Kapolei. While its central location is ideal for travelers who come to Kapolei to do business — especially those in the corporate/government/military market segments — it is also ideal for experiencing the leisure side of O'ahu.

"Our Oahu Kapolei property embodies the modern and inviting atmosphere Embassy Suites by Hilton is known for and more," said Alan Roberts, global head, Embassy Suites by Hilton. "The central city

location is ideal and gives guests the opportunity to experience Hawai'i beyond the shore."

'We are excited for guests to experience all that Embassy Suites by Hilton Oahu Kapolei has to offer," said Reid Yoshida, general manager, Embassy Suites by Hilton Oahu Kapolei. "Business travelers can enjoy our valueadded amenities, spacious meeting room and the opportunity to turn their business trips into leisure getaways by taking advantage of our local excursion partners.

Owned by Kapolei Hotel Partners, LLC and managed by Management Western States

Lodging, LLC, the hotel has 100 employees, with more than 90 percent of them residents of West Oʻahu.

The hotel offers guests tworoom suites where they can spread out, enjoy a free, cooked-to-order breakfast each morning, free Wi-Fi, and complimentary drinks and snacks for each night. The property has 180 spacious suites with some suites offering a lanai with a scenic ocean view. It also has amenities such as a sundeck with an outdoor pool, whirlpool and on-property restaurants such as Sprig's Grille, which serves lunch and dinner, while Manamana

Lounge Bar is available poolside for daytime snacking.

Embassy Suites by Hilton Oahu Kapolei offers guests an opportunity to participate in the Hilton Honors® loyalty program. In celebration of its recent opening, the property is offering 1,000 Bonus Honors points per night or 5,000 Bonus Honors points for a minimum 3-night stay from September 15, 2017 – January 31, 2018.

Embassy Suites by Hilton Oahu Kapolei is located at 725 Manawai St., Kapolei, Hawaii, 96707. For more information or to make a reservation, visit embassysuites.com or call 808-674-8222.



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Snow is in the forecast for Kapolei on December 2nd. That's when Kapolei Shopping Center brings 8 tons of Hawaiian snow and cool fun for the keiki at its 25th Annual Santa Saturday.

There will be other holiday fun, too, at this FREE family event.

- Free photos with Santa
- Games and prizes
- Make-n-take holiday crafts
- Meet Santa's favorite reindeer, Rudolph
- Keiki ID cards, sponsored by New York Life

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